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Sir:

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1. Reply to Restriction Requirement;
2. Information Disclosure Statement;
3. 75 pages of Form PTO-1449 citing 282 documents;
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